

Kuwait's Nazaha stresses need for public to report corruption cases

Government, people 'must work together' to tackle corruption



KUWAIT: Officials pose for a group photo on the sidelines of the workshop. —Photos by Yasser Al-Zayyat



Nazaha's Vice-President Counselor Nawaf Al-Muhmel speaks during the workshop.

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KUWAIT: The Kuwait Association for Protecting Public Funds, in cooperation with Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority (Nazaha), held on Sunday a symposium and a workshop entitled "Investigation and Follow-up for the Recovery of Stolen Public Funds". In his opening remarks, Nazaha's Vice-President, Counselor Nawaf Al-Muhmel, stressed the need to achieve community awareness and help in reporting corruption cases. "There are still many procedural challenges related to strengthening the practical aspects of recovering funds stolen in corruption crimes, which require the follow-up and national action of putting Chapter Five of the UN Convention against Corruption into effect," he added. Muhmel further affirmed that societal awareness is an indispensable mechanism, adding that governmental institutions and the people of Kuwait must work firmly together to tackle corruption.

Fahad Al-Nasser, Treasurer of Kuwait Association for Protecting Public Funds, said meanwhile that Kuwait Anti-Corruption Authority always cooperates with civil society institutions in the implementation of the 2006 United Nations con-

vention against corruption, stressing the need for civil society to do their social responsibilities and cooperate to restore stolen funds and assistance in reporting corruption cases. He called for benefiting from international experiences and applying them in the country, noting that Kuwait must take in mind



Workshop on 'recovery of stolen public funds'

the Malaysian and Swiss experiences, and benefit from their experience in order to get better recommendations to be applied.

Nasser pointed out that the Fatwa and Legislation Department played a major role in recovering the looted funds in coordination with

local and international authorities, starting from the case of the embezzlement of Kuwaiti investments in Spain in the 1990s to the case of the former general manager the Public Institution for Social Security Fahd Al-Rajaan. He noted that the administration formed a legal team to work on protecting the state's treasury, adding that the administration strives to develop its employees by providing them with the opportunity to participate in conferences, seminars and workshops, and apply protocols of cooperation with civil society institutions.

In the meantime, Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Kuwait Nasreen Rabiean stressed that corruption is of one the most important issue that touch all societies and their comprehensive and sustainable development, noting that protecting public money is a shared responsibility. She indicated that the United Nations, through its competent bodies, organizations, and international conventions, has serious international efforts in this field to combat corruption in all its forms and protect public funds. "Addressing corruption is necessary to protect human rights and promote democratic accountability," she noted.



Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Kuwait Nasreen Rabiean delivers her speech.

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KUWAIT: Afya-3 health insurance cards are available for Kuwaiti retirees from July 24 to September 15, 2022. Director of Health Insurance Department at the Ministry of Health (MoH) Ahmad Al-Hussaini stated Sunday. The cards could be handed out to beneficiaries through 44 health centers across the country during official work hours (7:00 am to 2:00 pm), he noted.

Original civil IDs have to be checked for retired Kuwaitis in order to get the recent vision of Afya insurance card. The Afya insurance cards, which covers treatment costs for Kuwaiti retirees in private medical facilities, was launched by the MoH in 2016, and the second version of the insurance program was launched in 2019. Kuwaiti retiree registered in Kuwait's Public Institution for Social



KUWAIT: A retired Kuwaiti woman receiving her Afya-3 health insurance card. —KUNA photos

Security are eligible to apply for the special health insurance card. —KUNA



Checking a retiree's civil ID number as part of the process of issuing the new Afya-3 health insurance card.



Retired Kuwaitis waiting to receive their new Afya-3 health insurance card.